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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF COREMO ON SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 382 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MET WITH DR. ARTURO VILANKULU ON MAY 23. DR. VILANKULU, WHO HAD DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY COREMO PRESIDENT GUMANE ATTESTING THAT HE WAS COREMO REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S., ASKED FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS PRESENT SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE. CRUX OF VILANKULU'S APPROACH WAS THAT FRELIMO, WHOSE LEADERS, HE SAID, COMMAND LITTLE LOYALTY IN MOZAMBIQUE, WOULD REMAIN INTRANSIGENT TOWARDS
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NEGOTIATING WITH PORTUGUESE BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT COME

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OUT WELL IN REFERENDUM OR OTHER DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. COREMO, ON OTHER HAND, WAS POPULAR GROUP THAT WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE TO STOP FIGHTING AND BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL INDEPENDENCE.

2. VILANKULU SAID THAT COREMO WAS IN TOUCH WITH PORTUGUESE ALREADY AND, ALTHOUGH GUMANE REMAINS FOR TIME BEING IN LUSAKA (VILANKULU DID NOT KNOW SIMANGO'S WHEREABOUTS AS REQUESTED REFTEL), THEIR CADRES WERE NOW MAKING CONTACTS IN SOUTHERN MOZAMBIQUE. HE ADDED THAT COREMO SEES ROLE FOR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE MOVEMENTS SUCH AS GUMO. WHEN

ASKED IF COREMO COULD CONTROL INSURGENTS AND BRING FIGHTING TO HALT WITHOUT FRELIMO APPROVAL, VILANKULU ANSWERED EMPHATICALLY "YES".

3. FOR LOURENCO MARQUES: CONGEN MAY DRAW FROM ABOVE WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION IN CONTACTS WITH AFRICANS. IF, IN YOUR OPINION, IT WILL BE IN USG INTEREST.

4. FOR DAR AND LUSAKA: DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE IT IF POSTS, USING APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE ON CONTACT WITH LIBERATION GROUPS AS SET FORWARD IN PADM 52 OF OCTOBER 31, 1972, WOULD CONTINUE REPORT INFORMATION ON CURRENT FRELIMO ATTITUDES TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE.
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